Advanced Nursing Practice (Innovation Leadership), DNP

If you are a nurse seeking the skills, scholarship and capacity to lead effective change, consider our Doctor of Nursing Practice innovation leadership program.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Innovation Leadership)

The DNP in advanced nursing practice with a concentration in innovation leadership, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is directed toward professional nurses who seek the scholarship, skills and capacity to lead effective change in systems, organizations and practice environments using innovation theories and methodologies as the frame for their leadership practice. This concentration focuses on improving health care through facilitating a culture of best practice and providing skills necessary to develop advanced practice nursing leaders for the future.

Graduates of this program will be able to facilitate the application and integration of research into clinical practice using innovative approaches across multiple settings to improve health care, patient outcomes and health care systems.

This program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for up to a week for orientation at the beginning of the program and two or three times per semester.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements
84 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 712)

**Required Core (16 credit hours)**

**Concentration (16 credit hours)**

**Electives or Research (10 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)**
Applied Project: DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students should see the academic unit for an approved course list.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this degree. If students do not have a previously awarded master's degree, the 30 hours of coursework will be made up of electives and research.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three professional letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. goal statement
6. admission essay
7. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Division of Graduate Education requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

An interview with program faculty is required.

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

No admission examination is required.

Applicants will be reviewed on a space-available basis after the priority deadline. Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

**Contact Information**

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